9. Scheme for reimbursement of one time rebate @ 10% given by the handloom agencies on the sale of handloom cloth.

10. Implementation of Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act 1985.

Releases made during the year 2002-03, 2003-04 & 2004-05 (Upto 25.02.2005) under the above schemes are as under:—

Year	(Rs. in lakhs)
2002-03	12298.37
2003-04	13809.07
2004-05 (upto 25.02.2005)	11417.11

Irregularities in relief material for Tsunami victims

†*109. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some irregularities in the supply of relief materials for Tsunami victims in some parts of the country have come to the notice of Government; and

(b) if so, the details of officers and traders found to be involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No such irregularities are brought to the notice of the Government upto this time.

(b) Does not arise.

Meeting fuel requirement from bio-diesel and bio-petrol

*110. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted a proposal to Central Government aiming at procuring about 5% of the country's fuel requirement from bio-diesel and bio-petrol from Jatropha, sweet sorghem and sugarbee stalks that can be grown in the vast waste lands on hills like that in Coimbatore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the claims of Tamil Nadu Government that Jatropha has lately been found to yield such fuel, has been verified by Government and what decision has since been taken on the said proposal and what steps taken to promote the cultivation of such bio-fuel yielding crops?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government of Tamil Nadu has not made any specific proposal to this Ministry for cultivation of Jatropha, sweet sorghem and sugarbeet on wastelands like the hills of Coimbatore to meet about 5% of the country's fuel requirement from bio-diesel and bio-petrol, produced from seeds/stalks of these crops. However, the State Government has reported that they have launched a programme to promote cultivation of these crops as part of a strategy to revive the agricultural sector in the context of the water stress in the State. In this connection, in July 2004, the Chief Minister had written to the Prime Minister for provision of a comprehensive package, including *inter alia* necessary incentives for rapid development of the bio-fuel sector with raw material inputs from these crops.

(c) In recognition of the potential that Jatropha plant has, in providing oil that can be blended with diesel from fossil fuels, the Planning Commission has brought out a report on development of bio-fuel and suggested the launching of a National Mission on Bio-Diesel to promote cultivation of Jatropha on a large scale in the country, particularly on forest and non-forest wastelands.

Manpower structure of Jute Manufacturers Development Council

*111. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the draft comprehensive policy on jute has identified several loopholes in the existing manpower structure of Jute Manufacturers Development Council;

(b) whether the report has suggested complete overhaul of the organization; and

(c) if so, salient deficiencies detected in the system and action plan of Government to streamline the process?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) The Comprehensive Jute Policy has not been finalized. The existing